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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of :
E. B. Bond, et al. : Confirmation No. 5436
Serial No. 09/852,888 : Group Art Unit 1771
Filed May 10, 2001 : Examiner C. C. Pratt

For MULTICOMPONENT FIBERS COMPRISING STARCH AND BIODEGRADABLE
POLYMERS

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.138

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

[X] In accordance with 37 CFR 1.138, please expressly abandon the above-entitled application, as of the filing date of this paper, but not the invention thereof.

[] Applicant(s) attorney or agent requests that the above-identified application be expressly abandoned as of the filing date accorded the continuing application filed herewith.

[] Applicant(s) attorney or agent hereby petition to expressly abandon the above-identified application to avoid publication. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

I am:

[X] the attorney or agent of record.

[] the attorney or agent acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

[] authorized to act on behalf of the assignee of record of the entire interest, The Procter & Gamble Company. See 37 CFR 3.71. The assignment was recorded on at reel frame .

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